

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/315,725 filed December 10, 2002 (CRNT-0139), U.S. Patent Application No. 10/319,317 filed December 13, 2002 (CRNT-0142) and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/436,778 filed May 13, 2003 (CRNT-0145), all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the Abstract (the last paragraph of the specification) to read as follows:

A system for operating a power line communications system is provided. One embodiment is comprised of a plurality of network elements, which may take the form of repeaters, bypass devices, backhaul devices, wireless backhaul devices, enhanced bypass device, communication interface devices and others. In one embodiment, two groups of network elements in the same electrical distribution system are isolated except for a selected communication link.